WIKIPEDIA

Birhor language

The **Birhor language** is a highly endangered Munda language spoken by the Birhor people in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, and Maharashtra states in India.[1]

The Birhor are found mostly in Chota Nagpur and Santhal Paragana, with the Uthlu Birhors living near Bishunpur, Gumla district, Jharkhand (along the western border with Chhattisgarh).[3]

Birhor	
Native to	India
Ethnicity	Birhor people
Native speakers	2,000 (2007)[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic ▪ Munda ▪ North Munda ▪ Kherwari ▪ Mundari ▪ **Birhor**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`biy`
Glottolog	`birh1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/birh1242)`[2]

Status

Most Birhor know Santali and Hindi, and a small minority know Ho. However, children still learn the language, and Birhor families use the language all the time at home. In addition, most Birhor want to be educated in their own language, and the language is used in most community affairs.[4]

References

1. Birhor (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/biy/) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Birhor" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/birh1242). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Vidyarthi, L. P. (31 January 1960), "The Birhor (The Little Nomadic Tribe of India)", in Wallace, Anthony F. C (ed.), *Men and Cultures*, University of Pennsylvania Press, doi:10.9783/9781512819526-085 (https://doi.org/10.9783%2F9781512819526-085), ISBN 9781512819526
4. Sarkar, Sangita. "Birhor: A Sociolinguistic Study of Language Endangerment" (https://www.academia.edu/download/36763764/Birhor-_A_SOCIOLINGUISTIC_STUDY_OF_LANGUAGE_ENDANGEREDMENT_PAPER.pdf) (PDF).

- Roy, Sarat Chandra. 1925. *The Birhors: a little-known jungle tribe of Chota Nagpur*. Ranchi: K.E.M. Mission Press.

External links

- http://projekt.ht.lu.se/rwaai RWAAI (Repository and Workspace for Austroasiatic Intangible Heritage)
- http://hdl.handle.net/10050/00-0000-0000-0003-A6AE-4@view Birhor in RWAAI Digital Archive

Retrieved from "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Birhor_language&oldid=948936473"

This page was last edited on 3 April 2020, at 20:36 (UTC).

Text is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License; additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization.